

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A dental matrix is used to support a filler material placed into a tooth in a class II, III or IV restoration. The matrix has a retainer portion of a thin metal sheet stock having a generally concave surface of a size and configuration capable of abutting the tooth. The retainer portion includes a topper marginal ridge area, a central contact area and a lower, convex shaped gingival margin area, the marginal ridge area and the contact area are made thinner than the gingival margin area. The sheet stock is made of a material that may deform during
10 the insertion process, and that will then resume its original shape when in place.